

# The Intelligencer. FROM THE CAPITAL.

THE NEW COUNCIL has the old railroad problem to deal with. Let us have prompt action and a liberal policy.

It is silence is golden, gentlemen of the Legislature, what is the value of this gush of talk at four dollars a day and mileage?

It really begins to look as though the Democracy will have to galvanize Thiden for 1884. Butler is taking only in spots.

The Adjutant General's report on the military force of West Virginia is short, condensed, so to speak, to fit the fighting force.

Venor is the patron saint of Montreal's carnival. Let the carnival be a program of cash. This is Venor's general average.

SEVENTH COUNCIL, in his magazine article, doesn't tell how the Standard Oil Company has benefited West Virginia. Perhaps he doesn't know.

With respectful submission to Mr. Delegates Armstrong we think West Virginia will shortly take its place in the Republic as a Democratic newspaper such as this describes. We don't object to all the help we can get.

"We have by solemn legal enactment declared it a University," says President Morgan, speaking of the institution at Morgantown.

At the present rate of decrease how long will it take "solemn legal enactment" to make the University what it ought to be, an honor to the State and the pride of every West Virginian.

The destructive phylloxera has played its part with the French vineyard, but that does not materially interfere with our supply of French wine. The facile French import dried grapes from Italy, low grade wine from Spain, Italy, Greece, and Hungary, doctor them and ship them off to America. Anything is supposed to be good enough for America. Shrewd Frenchmen in this country are not so easily gulled. They prefer the American article, which is cheaper and better.

PENNSYLVANIA and only delegate, the preceding Pennsylvanian, was very nearly right when he declared substantially that the foundations of the American Republic are in the hands of the Pennsylvania delegates. If he had added ignorance would have completed the count. There are men of high intelligence in that party, but the bulk of the organization is not of that class. It seems to be the policy of the party to elect illiterate as a virtue. It is not until willing for the National Government to educate where the State does not. A need so rank as this should be cut down.

It is a pity that the West Virginia Legislature has taken fright at Senator Blair's bill "to aid in the establishment and temporary support of common schools." It is not only a harmless bill, but a beneficent measure conceived with kindly intent to aid the South, which is most needy and would benefit most by the appropriation. The bill proposes an appropriation of \$15,000,000 the first year, decreasing a million each year until it ceases. The money is to be distributed on the basis of population. West Virginia, which contains 12,000 persons over ten years of age who can not read, would receive \$15,000,000. Alabama, with 200,000 illiterates, \$1,250,000; North Carolina, \$1,250,000; South Carolina, \$800,000; Louisiana, nearly a million. But our Southern brethren discover that the doctrine of State-rights stands in the way. Why not apply this doctrine to the University of West Virginia, which is highly ornamented with a land grant from the National Government?

Among certain recommendations to the President of the Board of Regents of the West Virginia University, President and Congressman-elect Wilson call attention to what has been done since June last, and makes some suggestions for the future. The University has been divided into ten schools, each in charge of a professor, two more professors for the existing schools, and two more for a school of medicine yet to be established. We are informed that last fall the University opened with 140 students, which number has now dropped to seventy. The figures may not be exact. Certainly the Legislature can learn the number who have left, and at the same time the reason. It has been charged that loyal young men, the sons of loyal fathers, have left the University in the face of Confederate tone and teaching. It concerns the Legislature and the people to know whether this is true. The INTELLIGENCER does not know that it is true, and hopes it is not true. The Fairmont West Virginian says it is ready with proof. Ten teachers, instructing seventy young men in false doctrine—a teacher to every seven students—can do a great deal of harm. There is a solid Democratic force in the University, and this is a long-suffered-for State institution of learning.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Register, has seized an early opportunity to jump into the arena and take the prohibition bill by the horns. An editorial article in yesterday's paper deals in prohibition, treating with the evils of the prohibition law, and referring to the "testimony of the Kansas," which testimony will be found in a special dispatch printed on the first page of this morning's Register. We turn hopefully and gaily to the said first page and there we find the said testimony—the entire piece of bewildering enterprise marked an article of two and a half columns. Exhibit A is a request, forwarded on Thursday, to the Governor of Kansas, begging that his Excellency will "kindly telegraph the Ohio Register at length his observations of prohibition in Kansas, with statistics and opinions." Exhibit B. The Governor of Kansas, having noted also to our down, and whistled over the wires, so our esteemed contemporary says, an able article of two columns long, which article he wanted to stamp in the emphasis. A correspondent, to whose communication correspondence compels us to give space elsewhere, has something to say about this "special dispatch." He is probably a chronic falsifier and doesn't know what he is doing. He is probably a chronic falsifier and doesn't know what he is doing. He is probably a chronic falsifier and doesn't know what he is doing.

WASHINGTON, January 26.—The Court of Commissioners of the Alabama Claims, the case of George B. Williams against the United States—a claim for miller's wages—was argued and submitted. An order was announced that, on Wednesday, February 14, the court will proceed to call the dockets up to the number of 1,250 inclusive, and the cases disposed of in the order unless for good cause shown, the postponement to be granted in the discretion of the court. The court has been sitting since January 1st, and has heard many cases. The cases are being heard in the order of their filing, and the court is expected to complete its work by the end of the month.

## A SUSPECT'S STORY.

MARTIN O'SULLIVAN'S SUFFERING

Under British Rule, as detailed in a Chicago paper, the Irishman's suffering is described.

Both Road Blood and Snake Bane Howl in the Irishman's Suffering.

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## GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

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## ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

A HEAVY GALE ON THE COAST.

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